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Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium chief executive officer Jim Thibert, second from right, board members Ric Gorham and Ron Tripp, along with mayor Doug Martin at a

Robert Hope trial

continues



Krie Dubé Editor

The property owner of the Fort Erie Racetrack is willing to make sacrifices to keep the historic border oval in operation.

That was the primary mes-

sage delivered during a press conference on Monday afternoon, held by the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC). Nordic Gaming has agreed

Racetrack property

to reduce the amount of rent paid by the FELRC from \$650,000 per year to \$395,000

also agreed to a two-year lease renewal of the track.

The property owner has

The FELRC submitted its business plan, audited financial statements and projections for the future late last

year to the Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association's transition panel and the provincial government. Since then, no indication

about a racing season in 2013 at the Fort Erie Racetrack has

been given.

"It's up to the panel and the government to make a decision on our business plan and come up with an offer," said FELBC chief executive officer lim Thibert on Monday

owners reduce rent

Since 2010, the track has been operated as a non-profit group with about \$16 million in government funding. "We've proven for the last three years, we can make it work," said Thibert.

About two weeks ago, the government struck deals with Woodbine and Mohawk racetracks.

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Track officials still waiting for verdict from province

Fort Erie Racetrack one of 12 courses with uncertain future

Fort Erie is one of 12 in

Ontario that are still wait-

ing on a verdict from the

province about transition

"We would like to see

them moving quickly to

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funding.

It doesn't seem appropriate that we would be held accountable for the lack of revenue from slots, when in fact the government took that revenue

- Iim Thihert

potential away from us."

Fort Erle," said Thibert, In March 2012, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming

Corporation (OLG) pulled

the slots out of the Fort Erie Racetrack and after March 2013, the money generated and handed to the track's

operations, will be a thing

Thibert also says a number of conditions proposed

by the government for tracks to function as an alliance to coincide with the OLG's modernization strategy, have all been checked off the FELRC's list of things "In terms of these condi-

tions, we've met them all." Following the OLG's decision to end its slots at racetracks program, the province was divided into 29 gaming zones and Fort Erie was not considered to be part of any of them.

If the government decides that the Fort Erie Racetrack should not continue because it doesn't have any slot revenue to operate

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with, Thibert said that might seem a little unfair.

"It doesn't seem appropriate that we would be held accountable for the lack of revenue from slots. when in fact the government took that revenue potential away from us."

said Thibert. He said emails and phone calls from people in the industry are things he regularly fields on a daily basis. Therefore, he hopes he can give them a ves or no about the Fort Erie Racetrack as soon as possible.

people we are here, it's been a long time, we've been patient and it's our

turn to hear from the government, one way or anoth-

Although the FELRC has applied for 76 race dates. he said if the track does survive, the next goal will be offering 500 thoroughbred races and 100 quarter horse races within however

many days it would be fea-"We will massage our business plan to take maximum advantage of the number of races we have." said Thibert.

Mayor Doug Martin said he hopes Ontario's new premier designate. Kathleen Wynne, will work closely "Our goal is to advise with track officials and MPP Kim Craitor, who coincidentally was not at the press conference hecause he was meeting with her at Queen's

> "We're really hoping to be able to work with her," said Martin

> "I think we've demonstrated over the last number of years, this is something that can and will work," said Martin.

Nick Gonzalez, is a veteran trainer at the track and is also vice-president of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

He said he is optimistic about the new proposed lease agreement between the consortium and the

track's owner. "I think it's a step in the right direction, it's something to grab onto."

In June, a three-member, government-appointed panel came up with recom-

mendations to keep horse racing alive after the province announced in 2011 that the Slots-at-Racetracks program, which subsidized tracks with \$345 million a year in slots revenue, would come to an end March 31.

Thibert said the consortium has not met with the Ontario Financing Authority or the transition panel since Christmas He said the consortlum was told negotiations would be prioritized with various tracks and that Woodbine would be addressed first.



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Martin wants integrity commissioner appointed

Editor

Doug Martin says he is done with closed session meetings.

At Monday night's council-in-committee meeting. the Fort Erie mayor said he will not enter into any discussions about Town issues that are not done publicly, until a provincially-appointed integrity commissioner or ministry supervisor is put in place to oversee and mitigate the procedures in which council enters into closed session.

"In my opinion, there have been serious breaches of ethical and moral issues that confound my

There are too many things not right in closed door sessions with my council and none of us are serving the better good of the constituents of Fort Erie until this gets cleaned up."

- Mayor Doug Martin

integrity and there are things going on behind closed doors that are just not right," said Martin, a politician for almost 30

need to be appointed through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). He said confidentiality

in closed meetings is meant The supervisor would to protect the innocent



Doug Martin through proper and appropriate observance of privacy laws and to protect

the integrity of contract

Ombudsman slapped council

education purposes. Collard said that since being elected, this is the only closed session meeting held by council

He feels code of conduct

completely necessary. "I'd like to deal with it at a

"It has to stop."

tender procedures, to up," said Martin, remain fair

Martin feels council has used going into closed session for other purposes. 'The MMAH Act and pro-

cedures were never intended to provide sanctuary to politicians from public scrutiny and accountability," he said. Martin said that since

the current council was sworn in after the October 2010 election, there has been an "eroded" respect for the Municipal Act.

"There are too many things not right in closed door sessions with my council and none of us are serving the better good of the constituents of Fort Erie until this gets cleaned

The final item on Monday night's agenda was a closed session meeting, involving an identifiable individual. including municipal or

local board employee. Council has held several closed meetings in the last year-and-a-half while attempting to hire a fulltime chief administrative

Last year, the Town's director of legal services was terminated after a series of closed meetings. When council voted to

re-convene to into closed session from the chambers at Town Hall, Martin did not enter and turned the chair to Ward 4 Coun, John

Collard not pleased with mayor

Kris Dubé Editor

Paul Collard is not pleased with mayor Doug Martin. The Stevensville councillor says the mayor was out of line in his comments made at Monday's

council-in-committee meeting, about seeking a provinciallyannointed integrity commissioner to oversee closed session meetings. "In my opinion, he discredits

all members of council when he talks about integrity," said Collard when he contacted the Fort Erie Times on Tuesday morning. Collard, in his first term as a

councillor, said Martin should have discussed this with his

council, before announcing publicly he would not participate in any closed meetings unless a watchdog is brought

"I think his comments are unprofessional and show a complete lack of leadership," said Collard

Collard said he has no issue with council addressing code of conduct and potential violations of the Municipal Act, but it should be a unified effort by council to address any areas that

need improvement. A pre-meditated assault is not the route to go, he feels.

"That's certainly not how you work cohesively and work

In July 2012, the Ontario

on the wrist for entering into a closed meeting, held by the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation for

that could be considered unwar-

issues can be addressed at a local level and although he isn't opposed to bringing in a commissioner, he doesn't think it's

municipal level and get all members of council to abide by the code of conduct," said Colard.

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Whodunnit?

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Members of the Niagara-based Cloak and Dagger theatre group during a wedding-themed murder mystery last Friday at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre. The event, hosted by the Black Creek-Stevensville Lions, brought out the largest audience the local service club has ever seen at one of its events. About \$8,500 was raised that will benefit Camp Huronda, part of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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Lubberts¹ invitation to **Craitor shot down by council**

Councillor asks if MPP can provide explanation on

transition funding model for racetracks

Kris Dubé Editor

Kim Craitor made a presentation at last Monday's council meeting and Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts wants him to come back The councillor for the

Crystal Beach area made a recommendation Monday's council-in-committee meeting to invite the Niagara Falls member of

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provincial parliament back to Town Hall, but this time to speak about a different topic.

Last week, Craitor gave a polite caution to council members about the importance of the Fort Erie Economic Development and Corporation Tourism (EDTC). His visit came on the same

night, it was already known in the public that Lubberts would not be voting in favour of the EDTC's 2013 budget request.

Craitor gave his thoughts on the EDTC's general manager lim Thibert and supported his work ethic and presentation style, which is what caused Lubberts to vote against the EDTC's ask for

I'd prefer to have him at Oueen's Park fighting on our behalf, not explaining things to us."

> - Ward 1 Coun Stephen Passero

This week, Lubberts asked that Craitor return to the council chambers to give an explanation about the frame-

work of the province's plans for transition funding to the horse racing industry. The idea was shot down by the majority of council, who said Craitor would not present any new information that the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium hasn't explained

already, or that isn't public information that can be viewed on the Internet. The FELRC's chief executive officer is lim Thibert. who is also the EDTC's general manager.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular also said Craitor could not come to council and present high level data that is considered confidential at the

"I think we're in a very tenuous situation right now," aid Shular Ward 1 Coun. Stephen

Passero said Craitor could be doing better things with his time and didn't support Lubberts's idea. "I'd prefer to have him at

Queen's Park fighting on our behalf, not explaining things to us," said Passero. Lubberts said he only

wanted Craitor to speak generally about how transition funding to the horse-racing industry could work through out the province and not get into specifics about the Fort Erie Racetrack

"That is completely separate," said Lubberts.



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Be cautious of water-heater scam

Niagara Regional Police are warning residents not to feel pressured into signing contracts on the spot with door-to-door water heater sales people.

Police say they've received several complaints from Niagara residents about tactics company representatives are using when showing up at homes

The complaints involve salespeople who claim they've been contracted by Direct Energy and say notice of the visit would have appeared on the residents' last invoice. But police said Direct Energy says it does not go door-to-door and won't show up at any home without contacting the homPolice are reminding resi-

dents they are under no obligation to enter into a contract on the spot and should take time to make an informed decision, Residents shouldn't release any personal information or copies of utility bills unless they are certain about how the information will be used. If a resident does sign a

contract, police said they have the right to cancel it within 10 days of receiving a written copy of the contract or up to a year if the salesnerson or business has made a false, misleading or decentive statement under the Ontario Consumer Protection act

Local male charged with

sexual assault and voyeurism and he quickly exited the

Two incidents took place in Port Colhorne

A Fort Erie senior is being linked by police to two sexual assaults in Port Colborne.

as far back as 2008. In August 2008, a male approached a young girl in the Salvation Army Store in Port Colhorne

The male used a mirror to look underneath the young girl's dress, while she was in the store. The male was confronted by the girl's mother

responsible for both occurrancae Charged is Gerald Davis 77, of Fort Erie with sexual

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our editorial

Power of a poll can settle local arguments

There is power in a poll, that's for sure

Online readers have noticed in the last two weeks that most stories we post to our website have a poll attached to them and we are glad to see that participation has been huge.

In one of them, we asked if readers think the majority of Fort Erie is supportive of mayor Doug Martin and Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation general manager Iim Thibert

Since being posted online and to social media on Feb. 1, over 2,000 people have taken the survey.

The results are showing that 1.638 people like the work Martin and Thibert have done for Fort Erie

The survey says that 19 per cent are not fans of them, with 381 votes.

A remaining 12 people are either undecided or think it's an even split. We're not asking people to go back to this poll to prove a point that Martin and Thibert have plenty of support in the community.

We're just saving that these polls are a great way to settle an argument and we all know there are plenty of them being had in this town.

-Kris Dubé



e-mails concerning last week's photo of the children winning trophles.

Perhaps the transition from Saturday to Thursday for the paper may have had an impact. Please remember there is no we always welcome information concerning the photos which then gets added to their history and nut in the Museum's archives.

We were all digging out from the snow this past um@forterie.on.ca.

rying a broom in the snowfall look familiar? If you know who he is

or where this photo was taken, please call the Museum 894-5322 or you can e-mail us at muse-

Council needs to set aside antics and get some real work done with who...these types of Collard and Lubberts, but a budget, we were still able to from political commentary the grocery store on the things in my column, but that has suggestion to all of council weekend or out at a restauto start fresh



Editor's Notehbok

A friend of mine who has no clue about local politics recently asked me to explain what goes on with Fort Erie council

What meetings are like. what some of the big issues are, who doesn't get along going to try and stay away

I had no idea how to begin or how to explain in a nutshell what has been taking place, before I completely lost his attention.

I explained a few things and within two minutes, he told me to stop because it was giving him a headache. He has been officially

turned off from following politics at any level because of a two minute explanation... and I hadn't even touched on the good stuff.

For the last few weeks. I've said to myself that I'm been impossible because council keeps putting itself in a position that I simply cannot ignore.

Going after the individual in charge of boosting the economy and putting jobs in place, publicly bashing one another on a regular basis, members of council refusing to go into closed session...

the list goes on. How often I read or hear the term "four councillors" is starting to make me sick to my stomach. This isn't by any means a slight towards councillors Steckley, Hill,

I'm probably barking up the wrong tree on this one, because in reality it won't

At first, each side of this divided council started off as simply being annoved by one another.

As the issues have unfolded and motions and recommendations were made. annoved is not the term to

I think some council members literally hate one another

rant, it's my guess that a friendly hello would not even be had.

It's fair to say that in recent months. I've been critical of some members of council about some decisions and dialogue. But it has never become

personal. Last weekend I was covering an event in Crystal Beach and Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts was also

Less than a week after I criticized him for his If they saw each other at approach on the EDTC's

shake hands and have a brief cordial conversation.

I may not agree at all with some of the decisions he has been a part of on council. but I respect the fact that he knows it's 'just business' and that I'm entitled to an opin-

In closing, let's hope council can put aside their antics, temper tantrums and decisions based on personal opinions of one another and get some work done in this town

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opinion page

Give four councillors the boot, says reader

Dear Editor.

and Hill.

doesn't like.

cessful executing their deeds They were voted as coun-In Fort Erie, we have cillors and we as residents. elected Doug Martin as expect them to vote for the good of the community

His mandate is to direct and not their own agenda. and lead the council for They are running the the betterment of Fort Erie. council with their majority In my opinion, he is being group vote and Fort Erie is completely stymied from suffering because of this. any success by councillors

We have Jim Thihert as Steckley, Lubberts, Collard the lead force of the EDTC and in my opinion, he is This group of four, by doing a great job under an their voting practices, can adverse job opportunity and do block any good environment.

The Fort Erie Racetrack. the Canadian Motor Speedway, the marina for statements made on

I see four hypocrites."

- Richard Iukosky

project, plus assisting many companies in Fort Erie are ongoing projects he is working on.

regarding the status of these projects. Ilm has been condemned

Just recently, he gave a presentation to council

Fort Erie's workforce and sible for blowing over his colourful language. Without requesting clar-

ification of his statements, Lubberts, Hill, Collard and Steckley appear to want him fired. These four councillors should take a good look in

the mirror and reflect upon what they see. I see four hypocrites.

\$100,000 of local taxpayers' money, looking for a chief administrative officer.

They have no results to date and would like the bleeding to continue until they prove their point.

If they would look beyond their collective noses, they would stop the hemorrhaging of more tax-They are mainly respon- payers' money and perma-

nently give Ron Tripp the job, who has been doing it for the past year-and-ahalf.

I say keep lim and as soon as possible, give Steckley, Lubberts, Collard and Hill the boot.

> Richard Jukosky Fort Erie

Business closures bring unsavoury memories

They have been very suc-Take the Times

project that one of the four



The Fort Erie Times was taken as a quest to the Melia Cavo Santa Maria Resort in Cuba last month, brought along by Bob Hall, Adriana Jacobi, Donna Hall, Shauna Finkbeiner, Clayton Hall and Justin Hall.

Dear Editor

The debacle of yet another Fort Erie business closure evokes unsavoury memories for those involved in previous ones, as well as empathy for those unfortunate, suddenly ex-employees now facing such uncertainties and major instability in their lives within the full spectrum of personal welfare.

Vertis Communications obviously did not have as their strong point actual communications with their dedicated labourers.

For those uninformed of the history of this enterprise, they used to be known as Canada Colour, and then Sullivan Graphics, along with the inception of union representation for the latter.

Unions are often part of the edge of extinction.

the equation of the problem rather than the solution. Strong attitudes on both corporate and union sides accomplish nothing but prolong the dispute.

The best advice I can offer is to use full legal channels to fight for your rightful entitlements of severance and termination pay, remembering that even a piece of the pie is better than nothing. You can stand out on a

hellish protest or picket line until all realms freeze over, and it does absolutely nothing.

The shock and disbelief is compelling, but displaced employees have to reorganize themselves and equip for career changes.

the sooner the better. If you're currently one of those rare employees in Fort Erie's dwindling manufacturing sector, you've got to be feeling you're on

and sequential plant closures, and it's to the misfortune of the average worker and his or her family that only the executives prosper and resurface in new company positions as other entities prominent in their crafts, or craftiness. It makes little sense to

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export our work and then import the product back again, in a sort of duty-free economic manoeuvre. Unless you're working in one of the high-profile government-subsidized plants, there's not a lot to he optimistic about around It's very tough to adapt

and improvise, but we're not getting any younger, so it won't get any easier than right now.

> Robert Tripp Ridgeway

Consider standing up and being counted

Dear Editor

Bravo Pierre d'Entremont, who vented in the last issue of the Fort Erie Times. I feel it is up to you, better able to stand the

me and other like- minded stress ... but I do think like people to give serious thought to letting our names stand for Council in 2014. counted. Pierre, you are much younger than I and quite probably

minded folks should consider standing up and being

> Barbara Boyer Stevensville

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Nano-brewers pitch idea to Dragon's Den producers

Kris Dubé Editor

Anvone appeared on 'Dragon's Den' knows all about brew-

ing up an idea. Especially Pizzicarola and Rod Daigle, two local entrepreneurs who pitched their business to producers of the hit CBC series in Niagara Falls at the Scotiabank Centre last

Earlier this year, they visited town council and explained their plans to establish the Brimstone Brewing Company, a nano-

Ridgeway. Pizzicarola purchased the building about two years ago and converted it from a church to the headquarters of the Fort Erie Arts Council and a concert venue that has recruited

stream acts. Between the two of them, Daigle and Pizzicarola have a combined five years of experience, learning the ropes and proper channels to explore when opening a

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> brewery system." - Iason Pizzicarola

nano-brewery.

Although the business still requires municipal approval, they feel all the brewery at the Sanctuary knowledge gained to date Centre for the Arts in is something that other people trying to do the

same thing can gain from. The idea of Brewguru was pitched, a service that provides advice on business analysis, implementation, marketing and other steps that need to be taken several popular, mainto get up and running.

"If there was help along the way, we would have greatly appreciated it," said Pizzicarola.

They estimate that their business would assist fellow nano-brewers in cutcent and slice their time-

line in half "We feel we can be a huge asset to people trying to start a nano-brewery sys-

According to all they have learned along the way. nano-breweries are growing in

popularity. "Hopefully it continues to multiply and grow,

said Pizzicarola. "We want to work with bars. restaurants and guys like us who want to start a nano-brewery."

he added.

The pair have been working everyday on their local project and when it was announced that the show would be hosting auditions only a 20-minute car ride from Fort Erie, they knew it would be a good

opportunity. They prepared

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ting costs by 30 to 40 per their pitch "over a couple ers "didn't like beer." beers" and last Thursday, stated their case.

Pizzicarola said it went well and the only issue with the presentation was that a few of the female produc-

But over all it was a "great experience" and the next step is waiting about a month until they know whether or not Brewguru has advanced to the next stage, pitching to the Dragons at CBC's studios in Toronto.

They have requested an undisclosed dollar amount for 25 per cent of their busi-



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ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION PURPOSE: ZONING BY-LAW 129-90 HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT -

REGULATION OF FENCES

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2013

DATE-LDCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL 1 MUNICIPAL CENTRE DRIVE, FORT ERIE

APPLICATION #: 350309-035B 8:00 PM

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt.

Kernahan, Senior Development Planner

at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or

mkernahan@town.torterie.on.ca. A coov of

the Information Report will be available to the

public on March 1st, 2013. The information

report will be available in the Council agenda

nortion of the Town's Web Site: www.fown

torterie.on.ca or from the Community and

Development Services Department

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the proposed amendment applies to all and various lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie.

PURPOSE: The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a housekeeping amendment to the Town's Zoning By-law to incorporate provisions for the regulation of fences. By-law 150-0B, as amended, currently regulates fences in the Town of Fort Erie. At its meeting of January 14th, 2013, Town Council directed staff to undertake the necessary amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 to enable variances to fence regulations to be granted by the Committee of Adjustment. The purpose of this amendment is to incorporate the provisions of By-law 150-08, as amended, into Comprehensive Zoning By-law 129-90 which would allow the Committee of Adjustment to grant variances to the regulations for fences. The objective is to provide a standardized, fair and defensible process for granting variances to the regulations governing fences in the Town of Fort Erie.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zonino By-law Amendments is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later

WRITTEN SURMISSIONS

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to ckett@town.forterie.on.ca

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application. After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-in-Committee meeting

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the Town of Fort Erie before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the

Zoning By-law with respect to this application, you are required to make a written request to Carolyn Kett. Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2013.

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk

Richard Brady, M.A., MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

209-215 RIDGE ROAD NORTH OWNER: JASON PIZZICAROLA MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2013 APPLICATION #: 350309-0343

TIME 6:00 PM LDCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL

PROPOSED CHANGE

DATE:

Applications have been received for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for the lands located at 209-215 Ridge Road North. The application is for the operation of a "nano brewery" and other site specific commercial uses within the existing building as well as the establishment of an outdoor patio associated with an eating establishment on the east side of the building. A Public Meeting was held on January 14, 2013

The applicant has subsequently revised their application to include a request to permit an accessory residential dwelling unit on the main floor of the existing building. The property is designated Institutional and Commercial in the Official Plan. The Town's Zoning By-law 129-90 designates the site as Institutional (I) Zone and General Commercial (C2) Zone. The Applicant is requesting an

Official Plan Amendment to a Site Specific Commercial designation for the entire property to permit residential uses on the main floor and a brewery and associated uses. The applicant is requesting an associated Zoning By-law amendment to a site specific Central Business existing deficiencies in setbacks and landscape strips, munity and Development Services Department,

Reliet is also being sought for a number of regulations that will not be met with the introduction of processed uses including the serback from the Residential zone of the processed outdoor patio, which will provide entertainment and a limitation on the floor area for the proposed nano-brewery.

Input on the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later

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If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment, you are required to make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent. Dated this 7th day of February, 2013

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk Director of Community and Development Services



For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, Serior District Commercial (C2A) zone for the entire property. Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or micto normit residential uses on the main floor and the ernahan@town.torterie.on.ca. A copy of the information Record brewery and associated uses. Relief to a number of the will be available to the public on March 1st, 2013. The informazoning regulations for the Central Business District from report will be available in the Council arenda portion of the Commercial (C2A) Zone is requested to recognize Town's Web Site: www.town.torterle.on.ca or from the Com-

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Evidence says victim may have been running from shooter

Alison Langley QMI Agency Niagara

Tyrone Johnston may have been running away from a shooter before three bullets were numped into his back and side, a jury

heard Friday. Dr. John Fernandes, a forensic pathologist who conducted the autopsy on the 32-year-old man's body Hamilton General Hospital, testified the angle the bullets entered his body

suggests he may have been running when he was shot. Johnston collapsed in the

pleaded not guilty in Welland Superior Court to first-degree murder and using a firearm to commit an indictable offence.

his back and a second bullet entered his back and pit and then travelled

through his arm. The bullet was lodged in his left arm. The third bullet went through his arm and into his arm pit and traveled into his chest. The bullet slice through both lungs and came to rest in his left

Fernandes said that bullet caused Johnston's death as both lungs collapsed and his chest cavity filled with

*Three-fifths of his blood volume ends up in is chest caviity," the physicians

exited through his left arm Loft. Fernandes said it is impossible to say with "full certainty" what Johnston was doing when he was

> Loft suggested one of the bullet's trajectory could indicate the victim may have been taking something out of his pocket at the time

of the shooting "It's possible," Fernandes said. Court heard Johnston was carrying a butterfly knife in his pant's pocket when he

Rinaldo made note of them and was planning on seizing the items so they

could be tested. The victim's commonlaw-wife was subsequently escorted by police officers to the townhouse to collect some personal belongings.

to the unit, the items were

Loft told the five-man, six-woman jury earlier that the evidence will reveal Johnston was a member of the Nova Scotia-based street gang known as North

Photos submitted in court on Friday showed Johnston had *100% Scotian" tattooed on his hand and the number "903" - the area code for Halifax, N.S. - tattooed on the back of his neck.





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party's candidate for the riding in the next provincial election It will be the third time he

has faced off against Liberal Kim Craitor, losing to him twice. Mayes says he doesn't

think that's a factor-each election has its own dynamice

points to Rob Nicholson, who lost twice to former Liberal MP Gary Pillitteri and then came back to not only win a seat for the PCs but became Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Maves says he has known Craitor since before they became political opponents when Mayes was the MPP and Craitor was a Niagara Falls city councillor.

Craitor may have a reputation as a nice guy, but Mayes says he won't be attacking Craitor or his likability, he'll be attacking the issues-thefactthatCraitor's Liberal government that has run up huge deficits and doubled the provincial debt. that Craitor was unable to stop the loss of slots at the Fort Erie Race Track, that unemployment has skyrock-

"Km and I have never attached each other on per-

sonal issues. We don't debate whether he's a nice guy or attends a lot of birthday parties or anniversaries. We all do that. We debate policy."

And last week's choice of Kathleen Wynne as premier. who served beside Dalton McGuinty these last nine years, may make the campaign a little easier, said Mayes. "Iknow(Gerard)Kennedy,

(Jane) Pupatello and (Kathleen) Wynne all fairly well, and I figured it would be one of them. I know them all. But Wynne was the righthand cabinet minister of McGuinty, and has been part of the messes they've made. She's one of the architects of those problems, the deficits, the job loses, the race track. We predominantly plan to campaign for change, to describe what we would do differently, to fix the problems they've created. It's not like she's someone who can say 'don't blame me.' We can have the same debate we would have had with McGuinty.'

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JOE TACKNEY

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BRIX, Joyce - Our sincere thanks to our family and friends for their love and support, s, donations, cards and acts kindness. Mom spent the last years of her life at Maple Park Lodge and enjoyed participating in many of the programmes and activities. Through this she was able to maintain her quality of life. We will be forever grateful to Dr. Che and all the wonderful staff at Maple Park for their care, compassion and support. We would also like to thank the St. Nick's ladies of St. Paul's Anglican Church for the lovely luncheon following the service. We very much appreciate all the guidance and understanding extended to us by Benner Funeral Services

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